In 3537 cases, ex-gratia amount has been paid in the cases of damage to dwelling units @ Rs. 2000/-, Rs. 5000/- and Rs. 10,000/- depending upon the quantum of damage. No claim is pending.

Overstaying of a Representative of an Italian Firm

1836. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representative of an Italian firm has been overstaying in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said representative of Snam Progetti has applied for extension of his Visa;

(c) whether the tender for the ammonia plant with a capacity to produce 1350 tonne per day issued by the Gujarat State Fedtilizer Corporation (GSFC) has been held over as per instructions of the representative of Snam Progetti whose firm is one of the tenderers; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Department of Fertilizers have recommended to the Ministry of Home Affairs the extension of stay upto 31st December, 1987.

(c) M/s. Snamprogetti are not one of the tenderers for the 1350 TPD ammonia plant.

(d) Does not arise.

Industrial Disputes between ITDC and its Workers

1837. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial disputes between ITDC and its workers/unions pending in Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals etc. as on date;

(b) the stage at which each dispute is presently pending;

(c) the date of origin of each dispute;

(d) how many of the disputes are pending for more than three, five and eight years; and

(e) what steps in the past the ITDC management has taken to dispose of the disputes quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Forest Cover

1838. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area brought under forest cover during 1986;

(b) what was the target fixed;

(c) whether Government could achieve the target; and

(d) if not, what are tre reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) During the year 1986-87, 1.76 m. hectares of area was afforested as

against a target of 1.71 m. hectares in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Voluntary Organisations engaged in Promoting Environment Awareness

1839. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of different voluntary organisations and the amount disbursed to such organisations by Government for promoting environment awareness amongst the people during the last one year; and

(b) what is the method for selecting such organisation for the aforesaid purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. (See Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 85].

(b) An empowered Committee consisting of experts and the officials of the Department had examined the proposals received from various organisations and selected the organisations for the purpose of promotion of environmental awareness on the basis of the credibility, potentiality and innovativeness of the proposals submitted.

Rise in Unemployment in Delhi

1840. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1986 about 1.7 lakh job-seekers got registered in Employment Exchanges in Delhi and only 44,000 could get placements while in 1985, about 2 lakh job-seekers got registered and nearly 57,000 got placements; and

(b) if so, what are the reasoss for the rise in unemployment and decline in placements in 1986 as compared to 1985 and what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the job-seekers registered with Employment Exchanges are not necessarily unemployed. Employment Exchanges are one amongst several agencies through which placements of unemployed are effected against notified vacancies. Decline in placements in 1986 as compared to 1985 is due to the less number of vacancies notified to the Employment Exchanges.

Fishermen in Pakistani Jails

1841. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian fishermen who were captured by Pakistani authorities during the last three years and are at present serving sentences in Pakistani jails;

(b) what is the number of Indian fishing boats captured by Pakistan during the last three years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to get the fishermen and also the fishing boats released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) 133 of which 108 are believed to be still in Pakistani custody.

(b) 15 and 2 Taiwanese vessels on lease.

(c) Government have been actively taking up the question of the release of Indian boats and fishermen with the Government of Pakistan and have so far secured the release of four boats and 25 fishermen.